

Altenburg

1. Location: Altenburg field is located about 4 kilometers east of Altenburg (see sketch). It is bounded on the south by the road from Nobitz ^{west} to Niederleupen, on the north ~~west~~ by the road from Nobitz to Wibischlitz, and on the northeast by the forest.

2. Installations: an asphalt runway 50 to 60 meters wide and about 1400 meters long, oriented southeast-northwest, and a concrete strip leading from the parking area (to the north of the field) to the southeastern end of the take-off runway.

The hangars are destroyed.

The ~~camp~~ ^{quarters} area is camouflaged in the forest north of the field. It comprises three buildings altogether.

No outside obstacles. The runway is not lighted for night landings. Two reflectors (? - miradors) have been set up at the edge of the forest, to the north of the field.

3. Occupation

The field is occupied by:

One transport ^{aircraft} unit (Vu 41 Dakota).

There are also two biplanes with in-line engines and one twin-engine aircraft resembling the French Caudron aircraft.

The transport ^{aircraft} unit is ^{apparently} used by a paratroop unit numbering about 300 men.

Altenburg

It has been determined:

1. That there is only one field at Altenburg. It is variously designated as Altenburg - Leina and Altenburg - Nobitz, because it is situated between these ~~two~~ two towns.

2. That the aircraft stationed at this field belong to:
a unit with the number NP. 122 (fighters)
a unit with the number DF. 85 (^{attack} ~~assault~~ aircraft and bombers).

Sketch:

Reflectors (? - miradors)

Parking area

Runway

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Brandenburg - Arado

Presence of at least 140 fighters: 80 YAK 9's, 60 La 5's.

The presence of so many fighters is explained by the fact that the field at Brandenburg-Briest is temporarily closed down because work is being done on enlarging the runway.

The sheet of water near the Arado field has been abandoned.

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Brandenburg - Briest

Work under way toward enlarging the runway. No aircraft, but field is guarded by a number of sentries. Toward the middle of May a squadron of bombers is supposed to be stationed here.

Briest near Brandenburg

An advance detachment has arrived at Carolinenhof in the city. Telephone lines have been installed between Brandenburg and Briest.

Briest

No work since the end of 1948. The only remaining hangar has neither doors nor windows.

Serves as a complementary field for Brandenburg-Arado. At times old-type ~~and~~ biplanes are stationed at the field for several days.

Fifty Russian air force soldiers (non-flying personnel) are quartered at the edge of Briest, in the "Rosenhof" restaurant.

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Brandenburg - Arado

About 150 fighters, types YAK 9 and La 5.

Great activity.

There is an important radio station at the northwest corner of the field. The former offices of the "Central German Steel ^{Mills} ~~Works~~" are used as a casino. The factory itself is completely destroyed or dismantled. The Russian personnel and their families are quartered in the engineers' camp and in the neighboring workers' city.

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Bernburg

Airfield 12 kilometers from the town, west of the road from Magdeburg. It is at present unserviceable and is being completely dismantled.

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Cottbus

Intense air activity.

About 30 IL 3's ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ were observed in front of the hangars and one YAK 18 on the take-off runway.

Difficulties in approaching the field -- strict security measures.

Cottbus

Airfield northwest of the town and south of the road from Burg.

The field is in good condition and is occupied by the Russians. Its installations include two runways, three large hangars, and an administration building. It is linked to the Cottbus - Burg rail line by a spur. It has beacons for night landings.

The field and the barracks on the other side of the road are occupied by an air regiment.

The following have been observed on the field:

50 fighters, parked in a semi-circle in front of the hangars and ~~xxxxx~~ bearing a red or green star and numbers on the rudder. Numbers observed were 19, 22, 31, 33, and 35.

15 twin-engine aircraft parked in front of the fighters. Their rudders showed a right angle painted in blue and a number. Numbers observed were 3, 5, 9, 10, and 12.

Air activity, especially at night.

Cottbus

Geographical location: 3 kilometers northwest of Cottbus on the Cottbus - (Spreewald) Burg/railroad line.

Dimensions: 1800 x 1500 meters. No take-off runway.

Type of ground: good condition, firm, grass.

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- a. Hangars: one in good condition, 75 x 100 meters, two damaged, undergoing repairs.
- b. Workshops: one, in good condition.
- c.
- d. Control: one control tower in good condition. No fixed radio station (one radio vehicle in service).
- e.
- f. Quarters of troops: three barracks and three blocks of apartments.

Dispersal areas:

Dispersal is possible in the northwest part of the field, wooded.

Defense: none.

Units stationed: 35 to 40 fighter aircraft of the YAK type, some of which have the number 0.34 on the tail. The nose is painted white.

Obstacles: none.

Supplies:

Gasoline: two gasoline stations with underground tanks.

Beacons: in good condition.

Access and communications:

Railroad: special line from the Cottbus - Burg line, but cut in ~~by~~ some places and not serviceable at present.

Legend for sketch of Cottbus field

- 1. Control tower
- 2,3. Hangars in good condition
- 4,5. Damaged hangars
- 6,7,8,9,10. Troop quarters
- 11. Radio vehicle
- 12. Cottbus - Burg rail line
- 13. Gasoline stations.

Chemnitz

Location: 5 kilometers south of the town of Chemnitz on the Chemnitz - Stollberg rail line.

Occupation and traffic: unoccupied at present, but likely to be put back in service.

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Brandenburg - Havel (see sketch)

Only buildings T, X, and repair shops are used by the Russians. Near the road south of the field there is a radio-goniometric station.

Two of the six houses north of the field are occupied by the Russians. There is a radio station there.

There are underground fuel tanks near the western parking apron. They have a capacity of 100,000 liters.

Sketch; Brandenburg-Havel Airfield (formerly Arado)

Parking apron

Runway, concrete

Gasoline tank,
100,000 liters

Goniometric
station

Parking apron

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Dessau

The airfield is soon to be reoccupied by the Russians.

The runways are undergoing repairs. The hangars and other buildings were destroyed by the Russians in 1945.

Dessau - Alten

No air activity.

Work is proceeding on the reconstruction of the runways. The work is being directed by the Leipzig firm Hoch- Ingenieur- und Tiefbau (Construction Above and Below Ground). About 350 workers are employed.

The former Otto Maier House of the JUMO factory has been entirely reconstructed and is supposed to be continually occupied by the Russians.

In Alten two entire streets ~~have~~^{had} been evacuated of civilians. A few days ago the residents received permission to reoccupy the area.

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Sketch -- Dessau - Alten

~~Runway under construction~~

Hangars under construction

Runway
Runway
Runway

Administrative building

Former Junkers plant

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Dessau

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Doeberitz - Elstal

Field is known (is also called Priort, name of the town at the southern edge of the field).

Four YAK 3 fighters and three twin-engine aircraft observed (hangars are closed; no activity).

Notes: (1) The distinctive insignia noted in summer 1948 are still present. They seem to be only a means of identifying particular units participating in maneuvers (blue sections, red sections).

(2) Belonging to the 16th Air Army.

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Eisenach - Mihla

Has been turned over for agriculture.

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Erfurt - Bindersleben

No aircraft at present.

In the middle of May an advance detachment arrived to prepare the camps at Erfurt and at Bindersleben for 400 to 500 flyers. The arrival of 70 to 80 aircraft has been mentioned. These aircraft ~~will~~ are supposed to be stationed at the field during the maneuvers.

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Falkenburg - Loennewitz

On Muehlbergstrasse in Falkenburg there is a restricted area where an air force general staff is evidently located.

Numbers observed on vehicles:	3 03 13 (VL)	3 03 21 (FL)
	5 30 14 (FL)	B 7 83 14 (VL)

A truck is stationed at the northern edge of the airfield, very well camouflaged in a hollow. Two tents are set up near the truck. 25 soldiers were carrying a sort of tube (like a telescope tube) from the truck toward the buildings on the field. The tube was about four meters long.

There was a frame mounted on top of the truck; it was suitable for attaching an antenna rod. The vehicle had ~~the~~ approximately the same shape as the radio vehicles used by the Luftwaffe.

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In front of the hangars on the field there were seven fighters with in-line engines and one twin-engine aircraft covered with a tarpaulin.

There were 350 to 400 men at the field.

Little air traffic.

Falkenberg

Geographical location: directly southwest of the town of Falkenberg, south of the Leipzig - Torgau - Falkenberg - Cottbus rail line.

Dimensions: 1500 x 1200 meters. One ~~xxx~~ take-off runway 1200 meters long and 30 meters wide, concrete, in perfect condition, joining a semi-circular taxi strip leading to the hangars.

Nature of the ground: Good field, firm, grass.

Installations:

- a. Two hangars, measuring 100 x 50 meters, good condition.
- b. Workshops: none.
- c. Control: one control tower, one radio station located to the northwest of the field.
- d. Troops are quartered in barracks.

Units stationed at the field:

About 50 fighter aircraft of the YAK type, some of which have the number MM 55 on the tail. Nose is painted yellow.

About 15 twin-engine aircraft, ^{probably} of the Pe.2 type, some of which bear the number SU 20.

Obstacles: Factory chimney 40 meters high, northwest of the field.

Supplies:

Gasoline: Three gasoline stations, only one of which is in good condition. Capacity: 50,000 to 80,000 liters.

Beacons: complete, in good condition.

Access and communications:

Railroad: Special line linking the field with the Leipzig - Cottbus rail line.

Miscellaneous: Work is going on in the northeastern part of the field.

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Legend of Sketch of Falkenberg Airfield

1. Control
- 2,3. Hangars
- 4,5,6. Gasoline stations
- 7,8,9,10. Troop quarters
11. Construction shed
12. Radio station
13. Factory chimney.

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Finow - Furth

Since mid-April 1200 German workers furnished by the Eberswalde and Bernau Labor Offices have been working on the construction of a new airfield at Finow - Furth (xx west of Eberswalde).

At present the work consists of lay-outs and preparations.

This airfield will be in the immediate proximity of an underground ammunition dump which already exists; aerial bombs about 1.20 meters long are stored in it. This dump is ~~strongly~~ heavily guarded by Russian sentries and by German police with dogs.

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Forst

Geographical location: 3 kilometers southwest of Forst, south of the Cottbus - Forst rail line.

Dimensions: 1400 x 1700 meters. No take-off runway.

Nature of the ground: Good condition, firm, grass.

Installations:

- a. Hangars: three, damaged, not serviceable
- b. Workshop: one, not serviceable at present
- c. Troop quarters: Wooden barracks able to hold 80 to 100 men each
- d. Radio: radio station 220 meters southwest of the field.

Dispersal areas: dispersal is possible in the woods surrounding the field.

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Units stationed at the field: 25 twin-engine aircraft, evidently of the Pe.2 type, bearing the number P.T.75 on the tail.

Supplies:

Gasoline: by tank truck; the underground gasoline tanks are not serviceable.

Beacons: intact; in service.

Legend to Sketch of Forst Airfield

1. Control tower
2. Workshop
- 3, 4, 5. Hangars
- 6, 7, 8, 9. Troop quarters
- 10, 11, 12. Gasoline stations (not in use)
13. Beacons
14. Radio station.

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Grossenhain

Presence of: 2 jet aircraft, type YAK-15

5 twin-engine transport aircraft, PS-84

30 fighters, YAK-9.

There are 300 ^{Pilots} ~~planes~~, half of them officers.

Heavy vehicle license numbers:

E 5 34 15	E 5 34 60
E 5 34 30	E 5 37 01
E 5 34 48	E 5 37 12
	E 5 37 24.

Miscellaneous: This field is supposedly to be enlarged.

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Halle - Nietleben

1. Location: West of Halle; the field is bounded on the east by Grimmritzer Damm and by the buildings of the former Air Intelligence School, on the south by the road from Halle to Nietleben, on the west by the ^{town} ~~locality~~.

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of Nietleben, and on the north by the partially destroyed buildings of an aircraft factory (see sketch).

2. Installations: The installations at the field are partially destroyed; the hangars and other buildings are demolished, but the condition of the field is such that it could be used at any time as a support airfield.

Outside the field two factory chimneys to the west, in the town of Nietleben, and three others 40 to 50 meters high along the road from Nietleben might impede approach maneuvers.

23. Occupation: The field is not occupied.

Sketch of Halle- Nietleben airfield

Destroyed aircraft factory

Former Air Intelligence
School

Occupied houses

Destroyed buildings

Chimneys

Compensation
disc

Food supply depot

Chimneys

Destroyed hangars

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Jena - Roedigen

Location: 5 kilometers north of Jena. The field is on a high plateau with an elevation of 200 meters above the town. Elevation: 359 meters.

Units stationed at the field: The field is used by the motor vehicle driving school. A Russian post takes care of guard operations.

Buildings: See sketch

1. Main building with kitchen and mess. Can hold the personnel of one company.

2. Heating installations

3. Russian guard post

4. Garage

6, 7. Control buildings for the field; in ruins

8. Location of wooden barracks (dismantled at present).

Grass runway: Maintained.

Concrete runway: None

On the runway: one vehicle, No. E 1 - 21 - 77 T. SECRET